

October 6, 2004

HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company - D.T.E. 04-47

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company to the Third Set of Information Requests of the Attorney General for filing in the above-referenced proceeding. The Company respectfully requests that, for all the reasons stated in the Motion for Confidential Treatment dated April 27, 2004 (the "Motion"), the response to AG-3-1 be accorded confidential treatment in that the attachment discloses competitively sensitive pricing or transaction matters. The Company is submitting redacted versions of its responses to Information Requests AG-3-1, AG-3-7 and AG-3-8 to reflect redacted information contained within these questions. Accordingly, the confidential responses are only provided to the Department staff consistent with the Motion and the Attorney General pursuant to the terms of a Nondisclosure Agreement dated April 28, 2004. Please note that the response to Information Requests AG-3-1 includes bulk attachments and these materials are provided in accordance with the terms of the Procedural Ground Rules established by the Hearing Officer.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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